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DATE: August 23, 2010

TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, and Certified Nurse Midwife Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

RE: OB Billing Guidelines for Correct Coding Initiative

EFFECTIVE DATE: Claims Received on or after 10/1/10

In January 1996, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) in the Medicare program. These edits are also applicable to the Medicaid program since they are based on general correct coding principles. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise implemented the CCI effective 2/1/10, with additional requirements effective 7/1/10. Please refer to Informational Letters #875, 882 and 912.

The IME is basing all edits on open, public sources provided by CMS and The American Medical Association with the adoption of the CCI. This allows for a more transparent processing and payment of claims and will ensure the billing of Medicaid services is consistent with national and state standards.

Recently added to our Correct Coding Information page is our OB Billing Guidelines document. This document fully explains how OB services should be billed to the IME, including the use of modifiers, antepartum visits and global OB definitions. Also discussed are the protocols for billing multiple gestations, complications and consultation charges. These guidelines will be used for those original claims received on or after 10/1/10. Claims that have already paid under the IME OB guidelines prior to 10/1/10 will not be adjusted to utilize post-10/1/10 guidelines.

Please visit our Correct Coding Information page at: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/CCI.html>. This page also contains links to each of our CCI Informational Letters as well as links to other sites with CCI information.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-256-4609 or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.